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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS  
COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. JOSEPH



# JUST THE FACTS

## Core Curriculum

The Core Curriculum, comprised of 52 credit hours, provides the solid foundation of a liberal arts education. You'll begin with a three-credit interdisciplinary studies course.

For 37 credits of the Core you'll choose from discipline-specific courses in humanities, social sciences, history, natural sciences, mathematics, religious studies, philosophy, and ethics. Below is the general course structure for the 37 credit hours.

### Humanities – 12 credit hours

Speech  
Writing  
Literature  
Art or Music

### History and Social Sciences – 9 credit hours

History  
Choose two different disciplines:  
Economics  
Psychology  
Sociology

### Natural Sciences and Mathematics – 7 credit hours

Biology + lab or Geology + lab or  
Chemistry + lab or Physics + lab  
Mathematics (must be taken within  
the first 64 hours)

### Religious Studies and Philosophy – 6 credit hours

Religious Studies  
Philosophy

### Ethics – 3 credit hours

Electives taken from a wide selection of courses make up nine credits of the Core and give you an opportunity to pursue a personal interest and sample a variety of topics.

## Major

A major is your primary area of study for your bachelor's degree. At least 128 credit hours are required to earn your degree. When selecting a major, consider what career field you would like to enter after graduation.

## Minor

A minor is an optional, second field of study you can pursue along with a major. Averaging 18-33 credit hours, a minor can be an extra boost to your college education and expand your knowledge base.

## Associate Degree

An associate degree requires approximately half of the number of credit hours that a bachelor's degree requires and can be earned in just two years.

## Certificate

A certificate adds credentials to an achieved degree. It shows that you are proficient in a topic but have not studied it to the extent of a bachelor's degree.

## Licensure

The State of Ohio requires that all teachers obtain licensure based on the age of the students they intend to teach. Some health fields also require licensure.

**THE CHOICE IS YOURS.** Major in biology and add a minor in mathematics. Combine a history major with a minor in photography. Study business and add minors in Spanish and political science. The possibilities are endless!



## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Majors

Accounting  
 Art  
 Art – Fine Arts  
 Art – Graphic Design  
 Art Education  
 Art History  
 Athletic Training  
 Biochemistry  
 Biology  
 Business Administration  
 Business Administration/Mathematics  
 Chemistry  
 Chemistry/Mathematics  
 Communication Studies  
 Computer Information Systems  
 Criminology/Sociology  
 Education – Inclusive Early Childhood  
 Education – Middle Childhood  
 Education – Special (5-21)  
 English  
 General Studies  
 History  
 Interactive Media Design & Computing  
 Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies  
**New!** Interior Architecture & Design  
 Mathematics  
 Mathematics/Business Administration  
 Mathematics/Chemistry  
 Music  
 Natural Science  
 Nursing  
 Paralegal Studies  
 Psychology  
 Religious Education  
 Religious Pastoral Ministry  
 Religious Studies  
 Social Work  
 Sociology  
 Sport Management

### Minors

American Studies  
 Art History  
 Biology  
**New!** Business Administration  
 Chemistry  
 Coaching  
 Communication Studies  
 Computer Information Systems  
 Criminology  
 English  
 Ethics  
 Forensic Science  
 Gerontology  
 History  
 iDesign  
 Illustration  
 International Art & Design Studies  
 Legal Studies  
 Mathematics  
**New!** Marketing  
 Music  
 Nonprofit Leadership  
 Philosophy  
 Photography  
 Political Science  
 Psychology  
 Religious Studies  
 Socio-Psychology  
 Sociology  
 Spanish  
 Women's Studies  
 Written Communication

### Pre-Professional Studies

*The Mount is a great place to complete pre-professional studies.*

Pre-health professions  
 Pre-medicine  
 Pre-art therapy  
 Pre-law

### Associate Degrees

Accounting  
 Art  
 Art – Graphic Design  
 Art – Interior Design  
 Business Administration  
 Communication Studies  
 Computer Information Systems  
 General Studies  
 Paralegal Studies

### Certificates

Gerontology  
 iDesign  
 Nonprofit Leadership  
 Paralegal Studies  
 Spanish

### Licensures

Education – Adolescent to Young Adult  
 Education – Inclusive Early Childhood  
 Education – Middle Childhood  
 Education – Multi-Age  
 Special Education Intervention Specialist

### Endorsement

Reading

### Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

If you're interested in the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, you may take the courses in your declared major, while also completing the prerequisite classes for physical therapy and the required clinical hours for admission into the DPT program. Students who attend the College for their undergraduate education and meet all DPT admission requirements will have direct admission into the DPT program after completing their undergraduate degree.



## SUPPORT PROGRAMS

### New! Academic Advising Resource Center

At the Mount, academic advising is a partnership (between advisor and advisee) that is viewed as integral to the educational experience and the development of the student. The new Academic Advising Resource Center proudly boasts expanded space and new advisors. These advisors embrace the importance, from a student's perspective, of effective, ongoing academic advising with a focus to intervene early, intensively and continuously so that students have the greatest chance of success at the Mount.

### New! Success Coaching

The Success Coaching program offers all first-year students guidance and support to help them address first-year challenges and achieve their goals. Students meet with their success coach on a regular basis throughout their first year and have access to them in between sessions as needed. Coaches help students connect with appropriate resources, manage new challenges and stresses, and solve problems for a variety of situations they encounter as new college students.

### Academic Exploration Program (AEP)

Located in the new Academic Advising Resource Center, this program provides a foundation of support for those students who have not yet chosen a major. Through discussion with the AEP advisor, you will be able to clarify academic and career goals, gain information about academic options and plan a program of study consistent with your skills, aptitudes and interests. Your advisor will assist you with the selection of appropriate courses and assure that your educational objectives are met.

### Disability Services

The College provides reasonable academic adjustments and auxiliary aids to eligible students at no charge, according to students' individual needs. Eligibility depends on the nature of the impairment and its impact on the particular individual and is based on documentation from a qualified professional. Applicants with disabilities are encouraged to visit [www.msj.edu/disability-services](http://www.msj.edu/disability-services).

### The Learning Center

The Learning Center is a centralized system of support that enhances the ability of every motivated student to succeed in his/her studies at the Mount. It encompasses a Writing Center, Math Center, Peer Tutoring Program, diagnostic and placement testing, instructional and adaptive software, courses in basic academic skills, and individualized assistance with study skills and learning issues.

### Project EXCEL

Project EXCEL is a comprehensive, fee-based academic support program for students with learning disabilities who are enrolled at the Mount.

## Learning Outcomes for the Real World

### Communication

Write and speak effectively.

### Critical Thinking

Develop an appropriate response to a problem or question.

### Sociocultural Relationships

Understand the nature of human cultures.

### Ethics

Understand ethical responsibility from the perspective of duty, consequences or virtue.

### Interdisciplinary

Solve a problem by integrating the perspectives of multiple disciplines.

### Citizenship

Recognize your responsibility to the community and the world.

A student-to-faculty  
RATIO OF 12:1 means  
that learning occurs  
through dialogue and  
experiences, not just  
lectures and exams.

# LEARN OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

## Cooperative Education

The Mount's Cooperative Education program, available in every major, lets you gain valuable work experience while still in college. More than 100 companies, hospitals and nonprofit organizations employ Mount students.

Emily '10 recently won the Coolest Co-op Contest in the Cool Perks category sponsored by the Ohio Cooperative Education Association. While working as a co-op for Ideopia, a local advertising and interactive agency, she produced a variety of materials for the Red Tie Gala, a benefit for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati. Her work included invitations, e-mail notices, programs, and presentations.

## Service Learning

Some of your greatest learning will take place outside the classroom, helping others. There's even an office on campus devoted exclusively to service learning. It's where students pick up assignments to aid the elderly, work with disadvantaged adults and children, help build a house for those in need, and more.

Students joined employees from MSA Architects to build a sculpture during the 13th Annual Cincinnati Construction competition. Titled "Change the Face of Hunger," the sculpture received an Honorable Mention at the Construction Awards Gala. Construction is an international community service project of the design and construction industry to benefit community food banks.

## Honors Program

The Honors Program challenges you to see connections among various disciplines and to gain an integrated view of the world around you. You will work alongside other highly-motivated students and with experienced faculty to tailor a variety of learning experiences to fit your academic needs.

Adam '11 researched the evolution of Darwin's finches on the Galapagos Islands by comparing the amount of yearly rainfall with the birds' average beak size. Through a research paper presented to Dr. Gene Kritsky, professor of biology, Adam established the heritability of the gene system responsible for the beak size of the bird with a higher survival rate.

## Travel Study

The Travel Study program enriches your understanding of the world, and as society continually becomes more global, students who travel learn how to become more globally-minded citizens. Mount students have traveled to the following locations: Appalachia; Cherokee, N.C.; Egypt; Ghana; Greece; Japan; London; Pine Ridge, S.D.; Rome; U.S./Mexico Border.

Michele '06 spent six days in Appalachia working with several other college students on various housing projects as part of the Christian Appalachian Project. According to Michele, "When the incredible experience and journey came to a close, my world in suburbia never looked quite the same."

The Mount was named a member of the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

## ON THE WEB

[www.msj.edu/blog](http://www.msj.edu/blog)

Our student bloggers have been in your position before. Read first-hand accounts of current college students.

[www.msj.edu/faculty](http://www.msj.edu/faculty)

Get to know your professors and their areas of expertise.

[www.msj.edu/catalogs](http://www.msj.edu/catalogs)

Learn more about the Core Curriculum and the courses you'll take.

[www.msj.edu/visit](http://www.msj.edu/visit)

Experience the Mount first hand by attending a Get Acquainted Day or Discovery Day.

[www.msj.edu/ask-joe](http://www.msj.edu/ask-joe)

Find categorized FAQs and feel free to submit your own question.



## Q & A

What's the difference between a concentration and a minor?

A concentration is a designated collection of courses that supplement and strengthen the specialization within a major. A minor is actually a second field of study taken along with a major. In both cases, you must be working toward a bachelor's degree.

What's the advantage of having a minor?

A minor can broaden your opportunities, whether it's graduate school or a job.

Should my major and minor be in related fields?

Oftentimes, a minor provides specialization in an academic area which may be very different from your major. A major is typically related to your future in the world of work while a minor can fulfill a particular interest.

Can I combine any minor with any major?

Yes, but it's always wise to plan with your academic advisor. You can review all the opportunities for majors and minors in the College Catalog.

Can I have more than one minor?

Yes. For example, if you're interested in a law degree, you might want to combine a history major with minors in political science and ethics. Or, if your career goal is business marketing, you might broaden your business major and job prospects by adding minors in iDesign and communication studies.

What are the advantages of a double major?

In addition to proving that you undertook a rigorous curriculum, a double major may broaden your career opportunities or form a solid foundation for further education.

How do clinical rotations work? Where will I be placed?

Clinical rotations in nursing, athletic training and physical therapy are coordinated with your faculty advisor when you've achieved a specific level of competency. Most opportunities are in the Greater Cincinnati area.

If I co-op will it take me more than four years to graduate?

Approximately 90 percent of Mount students use the co-op parallel track, which means they attend classes full time and work part time during the semester. If a student works for an employer on the alternating track, which means he/she works full time during a semester followed by a semester of full-time classes, careful planning is required to finish in four years. The alternating track may sometimes require an extra semester to complete a degree.

What if I have no idea what I want to major in?

The Career & Experiential Education Center can help! Individual career counseling appointments are available as well as a one-credit graded course each semester: CED 150 – Career Exploration for the Undeclared Major. Additionally, undeclared students often take advantage of our publication "Guide to Majors & Careers" and DISCOVER, our online self-assessment program, to make an informed decision.



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The College has designated the Director of Human Resources, (513) 244-4393, Office of Human Resources, as the individual responsible for responding to inquiries, addressing complaints, and coordinating compliance with its responsibilities under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable federal and state civil rights laws. The College has designated the Director of Academic Support, (513) 244-4524, The Learning Center, as the individual responsible for responding to inquiries, addressing complaints, and coordinating compliance with its responsibilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.